

dashing cavalry charges of the Civil War; at San Juan Hill, there was that personal contact, that man-to-man struggle, that gave unlimited scope for personal daring and resourcefulness.

Today's war, however, bears little resemblance to any of the wars of the past. True, in the active fighting phrases, such as in the Philippines, in Java, in Australia, there still is need for valor and daring, and unquestionably those attributes will play a large part in deciding the issue. But, relatively, they are much less important than the mechanized equipment, the planes, the tanks, the guns, that come to dominate modern fighting so thoroughly.

Many will assert that they are mindful of this development. What is not appreciated nearly as well as it must be, however, is that while this active fighting is raging many miles away from us, there is another war, with two distinct phases, being waged just as relentlessly right at our very doorsteps. Here in Baltimore County, where some of the Nation's greatest war industries are concentrated, and where thousands of men, and women too, are engaged in turning out modern weapons of war, and ships in which to transport them, it would seem hardly necessary to stress the importance of the first of these two phases, the battle of production.

In addition to the battle of production, and entirely separate from it, is another phase of warfare which affects not only the thousands of war industry workers, but their families as well. It affects, too, every man, woman and child in Baltimore County and throughout the United States and all its possessions. This is the battle of Civilian Defense.

Here is no struggle limited to groups or types or ages. This is a battle in which every able-bodied man and woman in your county, and in all the counties of this great Country, not only may, but *must*, take part. It is a battle whose full significance is unsuspected by even the great masses of patriotic volunteers who are participating in one phrase or another of its activities. It is a battle that, in the final analysis, may well affect not only the health, the convenience, the supplies of food, clothing, and every-day necessities, but even the very lives, of all the people of this community.

Because there have been relatively few attempts at sabotage, here in our own State or throughout the Country, there has crept into the minds of many of our people a feeling of security that is in no wise justified. Indeed, to many of our military leaders some of whom were in conference with me only this morning, the very absence of sabotage to date is a source of the gravest concern.

Knowing how thoroughly the Axis Fifth Column had been organized in all the countries that have been attached to date, it is an accepted fact on the part of our military and Federal authorities generally, that Axis plans have been laid just as completely in our own Country.

The West Coast is all agog over the possibility of hostile activities on the part of their Japanese population. However, the problem there is nothing as compared to ours here on the East Coast. The Japanese, whom they fear, have